Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is done after consulting expert and looking into their qualifications in music.

BUS SERVICE—TRICHUR-PARAPPUR LINE

96. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the single bus running in the Trichur-Parappur line, after running its first trip from Parappur to Trichur on 27th March 1944/14th Meenam 1119 and 28th March 1944/15th Meenam 1119, the dates of the Cranganur Bharani festival and the days succeeding it, cancelled some of the subsequent trips and diverted its running to the Trichur Shoranur line to take pilgrims returning from Cranganur;

(*b*) whether this diversion was effected with the consent of the traffic authorities;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, will Government be pleased to state what action has been taken against the bus-owner concerned for the breach of traffic rules and the inconvenience thereby caused to the travelling public?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) The service has defaulted one trip only on 15th Meenam 1119 and it has run its usual services on 15th Meenam 1119. The service has not cancelled its regular trips and diverted its running to Trichur-Shoranur line, but has run on contract carriage basis.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know why the diversion mentioned in sub-division (*b*) was allowed?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Because there was some break down of the car and we had to divert it.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Is it not a fact that in Trichur-Parappur line there is only one bus running?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezuuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the diversion of a bus from a line where there is only one bus running to another line causes much inconvenience to the travelling public?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. But inconvenience is sometimes inevitable.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot the Government avoid such things?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* We are trying our best.

STOPPING THE RUNNING OF BUSES FOR OFFENCES COMMITTED BY OWNERS, DRIVERS, ETC.

97. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—whether there is the practice of suspending the running of buses for offences done by the owners, drivers or conductors of buses?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes; if the offences committed come under section (57) (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Hon'ble member for Police is aware of cases where traffic of buses is suspended owing to the offence overloading?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* For overloading, buses are not suspended; but those responsible are prosecuted.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* For over-loading?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I am not aware of it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Under certain sections the Commissioner of Police suspends the permits of buses and does not allow them to run in the lines in which they used to run and the buses are shunted on to the bus shed for a few days. Such action though it is permissible under the Act, causes inconvenience to the passengers. You, can use any other provision in the Act. You can prosecute them but not suspend the running of buses.

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is solely to ensure puplic safety that it is done.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I am saying that bus service is suspended not because the bus service goes out of order but for something else. Such things ought to be avoided.

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